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## **Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board**

September 30, 2020

Ms. Tiffany Gamero, Industrial Sites Activity Lead U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management (EM) Nevada Program 100 N. City Parkway, Suite 1750 Las Vegas, NV 89106

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Engine Maintenance Assembly and Disassembly (EMAD) Path Forward (Work Plan Item #6)

Dear Ms. Gamero,

The Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board (NSSAB) was asked to provide a recommendation, from a community perspective, to the U.S. Department of Energy on the Department's planned end state for the EMAD facility or how the plan could be improved.

In support of this work plan item, NSSAB members, liaisons, and their guests toured the EMAD facility during its annual work plan tour in October 2019. Subject matters experts were on hand to answer NSSAB questions regarding the buildings and structures on the complex. At the July 15, 2020 NSSAB Meeting, Kevin Cabble from the EM Nevada Program provided a follow-up briefing and answered Board questions on the Department's planned closure activities for the demolition to slab of the remaining buildings and structures at the EMAD facility and the subsequent disposal of the generated waste.

After Board dialogue, the NSSAB recommends that the EM Nevada Program consider the following:

- Coordinate with the National Atomic Testing Museum to support a separate EMAD exhibit of its history and environmental restoration efforts
- Move the locomotive engine to Mercury, Nevada and place at the visitor center or along the highway with an exhibit

The NSSAB supports the Department's planned end state for EMAD for demolition to slab of remaining buildings and structures with additional consideration of the items above.

Special thanks for the assistance during the tour of EMAD and for the work plan briefing. Please also thank Maureen King and Susan Edwards, Associate Research Scientists from the Desert Research Institute, for their expertise in answering our questions and support of the briefing of this work plan item.

Sincerely,

Frank Bonesteel, Chair

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